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What is the Kentucky Learning Depot?

- The Kentucky Learning Depot is a digital library that allows educators to share engaging, quality, and standards-based digital content to improve their courses. The depot provides a single point of entry where users can browse, search, upload, download, update, rate, and reuse learning content.

Why is the Kentucky Learning Depot important?

- **It provides easy access to quality digital learning content**. New digital media available to today's students is increasing the demand for learning anytime, anywhere. To meet this demand, Kentucky educators are rethinking and retooling course content and design. The Kentucky Learning Depot allows educators a new opportunity to share this digital content across the P-16 community, vastly expanding the resources available to each educator.

- **It improves teaching and learning**. The online community that will result from the Kentucky Learning Depot will provide an opportunity for Kentucky educators to create and share best practices in online teaching and learning. Because depot content is peer-reviewed and subject to guidelines, the quality of the content is enhanced. The depot's initial focus on developmental education and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) content will also help students be more prepared for college.

- **It achieves cost savings and maximizes resources**- The Kentucky Learning Depot increases efficiency in course development and achieves economies of scale by allowing educators to create resources once and re-use and share them many times. Educators will avoid duplication of efforts because they will have easy access to what their colleagues have already created and used. The depot will also bring together digital content from the Kentucky Virtual Library, the Kentucky Virtual Campus and the Kentucky Virtual Schools as its initial base content. Previously, these organizations have not shared content across their applications, so this is another way the depot provides a way to maximize existing resources.

- **It opens digital borders**- The digital course content created by Kentucky educators is a potential collection to share not only in Kentucky but also in Southern Regional Education Board's 16 states. The Kentucky Learning Depot has the potential to become a gateway to standards-compliant repositories in the SREB state, the U.S. and the world.

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